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## Democrats: Abortion rulings may be 'a blessing in disguise'

(AP) — Democratic candidates have decried North Carolina's newly reinstated abortion restrictions after a federal judge allowed a state law banning nearly all abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy to go into effect.

But some North Carolina Democrats say the ruling earlier this month — the latest fallout of the June U.S. Supreme Court decision eliminating federal abortion protections — might be the catalyst their party needed to reinvigorate its political prospects in what was shaping up to be a losing year.

"I do think it's a blessing in disguise for Democrats," said Morgan Jackson, consultant to powerful North Carolina Democrats like Gov. Roy Cooper and At-

torney General Josh Stein. "It was a horrible policy decision that set back decades and decades of progress for women, but at that same time, it has given Democrats a renewed optimism about this year."

U.S. District Judge William Osteen ruled Aug. 17 that the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade erased the legal foundation for his 2019 ruling that had placed an injunction on the 1973 state law banning abortions after 20 weeks. Though the law allows leeway for urgent medical emergencies that threaten the patient's life or "create serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment," it does not grant exceptions for rape or incest.

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North Carolina State Rep. Julie von Haefen, a Wake County Democrat, denounces the newly reinstated 20-week abortion ban in North Carolina at a news conference in Raleigh on Aug. 18, 2022. (AP Photo/Hannah Schoenbaum)

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The judge's decision comes as North Carolina is preparing to vote this fall on its entire state legislature, two state supreme court races, all 14 U.S. House seats and a high-profile U.S. Senate contest.

Democrats have dreamed for years of replicating their 2008 success when the state went blue for president, governor and U.S. Senate. Although the current governor is a Democrat, Republicans have dominated both chambers of the legislature since 2011, allowing them to advance a conservative agenda that includes abortion restrictions. That dominance held even in 2020 despite a massive effort by Democrats to wrest control of the General Assembly. Republicans are now just five seats shy of the supermajority they need to nullify



**Democratic State Sen. Natalie Murdock, of Durham County, and state Rep. Julie von Haefen, of Wake County, encourage North Carolina voters to support candidates who will preserve abortion access at a news conference in Raleigh on Aug. 18, 2022. (AP Photo/Hannah Schoenbaum)**

the Democratic governor's veto.

Now less than 100 days out from the election, the question for North Carolina Democrats is whether outrage over diminishing

abortion access in one of the South's few remaining safe havens can generate enough political momentum for the party to hold its ground.

National organizations are

already funneling money into the state's tightest races. Hours before the 20-week ban resumed, Planned Parenthood, the nation's leading reproductive health care provider and an abortion rights advocacy organization, announced North Carolina would be one of the target states where it's spending a record \$50 million ahead of the midterm elections.

Democratic candidates have portrayed the 20-week limit as the first of many restrictions to come if Republican state lawmakers gain veto-proof margins.

"If they are successful in their efforts, they will not stop here," said Democratic state Rep. Julie von Haefen of Apex, a fast-growing Raleigh suburb, who unseated her Republican opponent in a close race in 2018.

"Voters across the state must know that the true goal of politicians behind this ban on abortion later in pregnancy is to ban abortion entirely."

Duke University public policy professor Mac McCorkle, a former adviser to Democratic Govs. Mike Easley and Beverly Perdue, said voters were already motivated by the June 24 Supreme Court ruling that gave states the right to determine abortion access. Then the local ban — which state Republican leaders had encouraged the judge to reinstate — removed for many voters the illusion of protection in North Carolina.

And there's certainly evidence of that playing out with at least some female voters, like North Carolina State University sophomore Emma Morgan, 19, who recently returned to Raleigh for school from her family home in Maryland.

"I'd literally just moved back here from Maryland, and they're like, bam, you don't have these rights anymore," Morgan said. "It pulled the rug out from under us and got me and other out-of-state students wondering, should we transfer before it gets worse?"

About 30,000 North Carolina residents have reg-

istered to vote since the Supreme Court abortion ruling, with women slightly outnumbering men, according to state Board of Elections data. Democratic strategists expect suburban, college educated women will be a key demographic in deciding the makeup of North Carolina's legislature in November and that abortion will be an important issue for them.

In Holly Springs, another suburb of Raleigh, Democratic state Sen. Sydney Batch is working to defend her seat in what is shaping up to be one of state's tightest races — one where abortion could tip the scale.

Holly Springs resident Gaile Valcho, a 58-year-old mother and autism outreach coordinator who plans to vote for Batch, said she knows several local mothers who faced complications with their pregnancies and feel personally connected to this issue.

"Politics aside, I think this was a wakeup call for women who, of course, know their bodies better than any lawmaker ever could," Valcho said.

Abortion access is also expected to play a key role in the state's hotly contested U.S. Senate race between Democrat Cheri Beasley and Republican U.S. Rep. Ted Budd, who is backed by former President Donald Trump. North Carolina is one of the few states where Democrats have a strong shot at flipping a seat in the 50-50 chamber, making Beasley's campaign a vital component of the party's plan to codify abortion rights into federal law.

Republicans, for their part, say abortion access won't be as crucial an issue as Democrats hope. And they aren't shying away from proposing even more stringent anti-abortion measures.

North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore has said he would support legislation banning abortions once an ultrasound first detects fetal cardiac activity — typically about six weeks after fertilization and before many patients know they're pregnant. □

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## California weighs rules giving fast food workers more power

By Don Thompson  
Associated Press

(AP) — Since she came to California from Mexico 24 years ago, Maria Bernal has been supporting her family by often working two jobs at fast food restaurants.

But she says she wound up living in a small Kia with her two youngest children, then ages 3 and 15, for six months after she lost her housing in 2019 when one of her employers began paying her minimum wage for eight hours even when she worked a 16-hour double shift.

Union organizers and other advocates say such wage theft and other exploitation is common in the fast food industry, particularly for women and racial minorities who make up many of California's more than half-million fast food workers. The industry denies such abuses are widespread.

Bernal and more than 100 others who recently rallied outside the state Capitol are pinning their hopes on groundbreaking legislation that would give fast food workers increased power and protections.

The proposal awaiting final action before the California Legislature adjourns Wednesday would create a new Fast Food Council made up of four workers' delegates alongside four employers' representatives and two state officials that would set minimum standards for wages, hours and working conditions in California.

Bernal said she hopes the council would give workers like herself "a seat at



Pedestrians walk below an In-N-Out Burger restaurant sign in San Francisco, Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

the table where they will respect us more and not allow wage theft to happen, and also importantly that we won't be afraid of retaliation."

Restaurant owners and franchisers say the proposal would drive up the price of fast food. They cite an analysis they commissioned by the UC Riverside Center for Economic Forecast and Development that puts the price increase at 7% to 20%. A late wage cap added to the bill would keep the increase on the low end of that range. Late amendments limit any minimum wage bump to \$22 an hour next year, with cost of living increases thereafter, while the statewide minimum will be \$15.50 an hour.

Other late amendments mean the council would also have to be approved

by a petition signed by 10,000 fast food workers, and the council would now disappear after six years unless it is renewed.

Matthew Haller, president & CEO of the International Franchise Association, dismissed the last-minute revisions as "an attempt to put lipstick on a pig."

An earlier version cleared the Assembly in January with no votes to spare after falling short last year, and the revised bill is awaiting consideration in the Senate.

Though California's effort would be broader, a wage board created by New York's governor in 2015 led to an increase in fast food wages there, and similar efforts have been tried by some cities. The left-leaning Center for American Progress says that what also are

known as workers' boards, worker standards boards or industry committees could combat economic inequality along with racial and gender pay gaps.

"If we are successful here, workers in Florida, Texas, New York, even Idaho will be heartened and they can replicate our successes," Democratic Assemblyman Alex Lee said at the workers' rally.

California's measure would cover fast food restaurants with at least 100 establishments nationally.

It grew out of the decade-long Fight for \$15 and a Union minimum wage movement and efforts by labor unions to organize fast food workers in California and nationwide.

"This is more than just a labor fight. This is a fight about racial justice, this is a

fight about gender justice," said Joseph Bryant, executive vice president of the Service Employees International Union behind the drive. "Eighty percent of the workers are people of color who work in fast food. Two-thirds of the workers are women who work in fast food, and these workers are being exploited."

Fast food workers in California are paid nearly \$3 an hour less than comparable workers in other service sector jobs, according to a joint study released this month by Harvard and UC San Francisco.

Bernal hopes the California law and the ongoing effort to unionize fast food establishments will one day lead to benefits like paid vacations, medical coverage and a retirement plan. She filed a wage claim earlier this year with state regulators seeking \$160,000 in back wages and penalties, while her son is alleging child labor law violations and threats by a restaurant manager. □

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# At \$249 per day, prison stays leave ex-inmates deep in debt

By Pat Eaton-Robb

**HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)** — Two decades after her release from prison, Teresa Beatty feels she is still being punished.

When her mother died two years ago, the state of Connecticut put a lien on the Stamford home she and her siblings inherited. It said she owed \$83,762 to cover the cost of her 2 1/2 year imprisonment for drug crimes.

Now, she's afraid she'll have to sell her home of 51 years, where she lives with two adult children, a grandchild and her disabled brother.

"I'm about to be homeless," said Beatty, 58, who in March became the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the state law that charges prisoners \$249 a day for the cost of their incarceration. "I just don't think it's right, because I feel I already paid my debt to society. I just don't think it's fair for me to be paying twice."

All but two states have so-called "pay-to-stay" laws that make prisoners pay for their time behind bars, though not every state actually pursues people for the money. Supporters say the collections are a legitimate way for states to recoup millions of taxpayer dollars spent on prisons and



In this Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022 photo, Fred Hodges, left, and Da'ee McKnight at their workplace, Family ReEntry, a reentry support group aiming to break cycles of violence, crime and incarceration in Bridgeport, Conn. Hodges and McKnight are former Connecticut inmates who have been paying for cost of their incarceration. (AP Photo/Jessica Hill)

jails.

Critics say it's an unfair second penalty that hinders rehabilitation by putting former inmates in debt for life. Efforts have been underway in some places to scale back or eliminate such policies.

Two states — Illinois and New Hampshire — have repealed their laws since 2019.

Connecticut also overhauled its statute this year, keeping it in place only for the most serious crimes, such as murder, and exempting prisoners from having to pay the first \$50,000 of their incarceration costs. Under the revised law, about 98% of Connecticut inmates no longer have to pay any of the costs of their incarceration after they

get out, said state Rep. Steve Stafstrom, a Bridgeport Democrat and a sponsor of the repeal legislation. The state retained its ability, though, to collect some prison debts already on the books before the law changed. It's unclear whether the change in the law, made after Beatty sued, will be enough to keep her in her home. That

will be decided in court.

Her lawyers have asked a federal judge to block the state from enforcing the law against anyone, saying it remains unfair even after the amendments.

Beatty acknowledges she was guilty of selling and possessing drugs, but said nobody told her when she went to jail that every day behind bars would cost her more than a night at a fine hotel.

"It just drags you back to despair," said Beatty, who has had other brushes with the law over drug possession since her release from jail, but has also become a certified nursing assistant. "That's where I feel like I'm at. I feel like no hope. Where do I go? All of this work and it feels like I've done it in vain."

Pay-to-stay laws were put into place in many areas during the tough-on-crime era of the 1980s and '90s, said Brittany Friedman, an assistant professor of sociology at University of Southern California who is leading a study of the practice. As prison populations ballooned, Friedman said, policymakers questioned how to pay for incarceration costs. "So, instead of raising taxes, the solution was to shift the cost burden from the state and the taxpayers onto the incarcerated."

# US sails warships through Taiwan Strait in 1st since Pelosi



The guided-missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) transits the Philippine Sea, June 18, 2016. (Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ryan J. Batchelder/U.S. Navy via AP)

**Associated Press**

**(AP)** — The U.S. Navy sailed two warships through the

Taiwan Strait on Sunday, in the first such transit publicized since U.S. House

Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan earlier in August, at a time when tensions have kept the waterway particularly busy.

The USS Antietam and USS Chancellorsville are conducting a routine transit, the U.S. 7th Fleet said. The cruisers "transited through a corridor in the Strait that is beyond the territorial sea of any coastal State," the statement said.

China conducted many military exercises in the strait as it sought to punish Taiwan after Pelosi visited the self-ruled island against Beijing's threats.

China has sent many warships sailing in the Taiwan Strait and waters surround-

ing Taiwan since Pelosi's visit, as well as sending warplanes and firing long-range missiles. It views the island as part of its national territory and opposes any visits by foreign governments as recognizing Taiwan as its own state.

China said it tracked the movement of the ships. "Troops of the (Eastern) Theater Command are on high alert and ready to foil any provocation at any time," said senior Col. Shi Yi, spokesperson for the People Liberation Army's Eastern Theater Command.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby, speaking on CNN on Sunday, said the

transit sent a "very clear message, very consistent message ... that the United States Navy, the United States military will sail, fly and operate wherever international law permits us to do so."

Kirby also noted the transit was "very consistent with our 'One China' policy, very consistent with our desire to make sure that we can continue to work toward a free and open Indo-Pacific."

The U.S. regularly sends its ships through the Taiwan Strait as part of what it calls freedom of navigation maneuvers. The 100 mile-wide (160 kilometer-wide) strait divides Taiwan from China.



## EU official says Serbia, Kosovo agree on IDs in step forward

**Associated Press**

(AP) — The European Union's foreign policy chief announced Saturday that Serbia and Kosovo have agreed on how to resolve a dispute over their identity documents, settling one of the problems that have sparked the latest tensions between the former Balkan war foes.

The comments by Josep Borell come after a flurry of international diplomatic efforts to defuse concerns that the problems could escalate further amid the war in Ukraine and Serbia's close ties with Russia.

Kosovo declared independence from Serbia in 2008, which Belgrade does not recognize.

Tensions soared late last month when Kosovo's government declared that Serb-issued identity documents and vehicle license plates would no longer be valid in Kosovo's territory, just as Kosovo-issued ones are not valid in Serbia. Serbia in the past years required Kosovo ID holders to acquire special passes when traveling through Serbia to show it does not recognize Kosovo's independence.

Kosovo said it was responding with reciprocity to Serbia. But Kosovo Serbs reacted furiously, blocking roads in the Serb-dominated north. Belgrade accused Kosovo of pressuring minority Serbs in the north, who largely reject Kosovo-issued documents in defiance of Kosovo's statehood and hold Serbian ones.

In the past two weeks, EU officials mediated a meeting between Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic and Kosovo Prime Minister Albin Kurti in Brussels, and U.S. and EU envoys traveled to the region to try to resolve the issue.

"We have a deal," Borell said on Twitter. "Serbia agreed to abolish entry/exit documents for Kosovo ID holders and Kosovo agreed to not introduce them for Serbian ID holders."

"Kosovo Serbs, as well as all



In this photo provided by the Serbian Presidential Press Service, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic, right, speaks with European Union envoy Miroslav Lajcak in Belgrade, Serbia, Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022. (Serbian Presidential Press Service via AP)

other citizens, will be able to travel freely between Kosovo & Serbia using their ID cards," he added.

Kosovo President Vlosa Osmani said on Facebook that the deal meant "reciprocity and equality."

"Freedom of movement is the foundation of democratic societies and European values," she said, adding that Kosovo will continue to strive for "mutual recognition."

Earlier Saturday, Vucic told reporters that if the ID deal is reached, Serbia will issue a "general disclaimer" on the boundary, saying the use of Kosovo ID cards is enabled for "practical reasons and freedom of movement," and does not mean Serbia's recognition of Kosovo or its future status.

However, he said the Serbian car registration plates that many Kosovo Serbs still use remains an unresolved issue. Kosovo's independence has been recognized by Washington and most EU countries, while Serbia has relied on support from Moscow and China for its bid to retain the former province. Belgrade lost control over Kosovo in 1999 after NATO bombed the country to stop its brutal

crackdown against ethnic Albanian separatist rebels. For several years, the EU has mediated negotiations between Kosovo and Serbia, seeking to normalize their relations and move

forward their efforts to join the European Union.

NATO peacekeepers have stepped up their presence in northern Kosovo in response to the increased tensions. □

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# Chile hospital integrates Native medicine, birth to death

By Giovanna Dell'orto

**OSORNO, Chile (AP)** — In labor with her first child last month, Lucia Hernández Rumian danced around her hospital room while her husband played the kult-run, a ritual drum.

She turned down pain medication from the hospital's staff to get massages and oil rubdowns instead from her cultural liaison, who had ceremonially purified the space according to Mapuche customs.

"It became my own space," Hernández said.

The largest public hospital in the southern Chilean city of Osorno is finding new ways to incorporate these and other Indigenous health care practices. There's a special delivery room with Native images on the walls and bed, forms for doctors to approve herbal treatments from trusted traditional healers, and protocols for "good dying" mindful of spiritual beliefs.

The hospital's efforts validate cultural practices at a time when Chile's Indigenous groups — particularly its largest, the Mapuche — are fighting for rights and restitutions with unprecedented visibility as the country gets ready to vote on a new constitution next



Angela Quintana Aucapan and her partner Cristian Fernandez Ancapan look at their newborn son, whom they named Namunkura, at the San Jose de Osorno Base Hospital in Osorno, Chile, Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022.

month.

But they also restore a crucial spiritual component to health care, according to health professionals and patients at Hospital Base San José de Osorno.

"It must be a guarantee — we take charge of the physical part, but without transgressing on the spiritual dimension," said Cristina Muñoz, the certified nurse-midwife who launched new delivery protocols that Indigenous pregnant wom-

en can customize and are believed to be the first in the country.

Cristina Aron, the patient who first inspired Muñoz more than a decade ago, has now become a cultural liaison to Hernández and two dozen other women from pregnancy into early motherhood.

"Childbirth is a spiritual energy event for the mother, the baby and the community," Aron said.

She had hoped to deliver

her daughter in the countryside with a traditional midwife. But Chilean law requires professional health workers to deliver babies because of past high maternal mortality.

So Aron turned to Osorno's hospital and negotiated her delivery conditions with Muñoz, including being accompanied by a woman conversant in Mapuche practices and taking her placenta to bury ceremonially in her ancestral lands.

Mapuche people see the placenta as holding a twin spirit to the child's. Its burial, often with a tree planted on top to grow as the newborn does, is believed to create a lifelong connection between children and the natural elements of their family's territory.

"It's something very poetic and very revolutionary," said Alen Colipan, whose son's placenta was placed by a river near his paternal grandmother's house. "He will not feel this uprooting from his land."

Colipan was 17 when she gave birth in Osorno's intercultural delivery room, with a floor-to-ceiling photo across three walls of the rocky beach that is home to grandfather Huentellao, a protector spirit revered by the Mapuche Huilliche, the region's Indigenous group. Colipan said her then-85-year-old midwife, Irma Rohe, who had never entered a hospital, was allowed to receive the infant "without gloves and other imposed things" and ritually clean him.

"We're going back to wanting to give birth with people with ancestral knowledge," Colipan said. "Even our way of being born was dominated." □

# Libya capital remains tense a day after clashes kill over 30



A man surveys the damage from clashes in the Libyan capital of Tripoli, Sunday, August 28 2022.

By Samy Magdy

**Cairo (AP)** — Militias patrolled nearly deserted streets in Libya's capital Sunday, a day after clashes killed over 30 people and ended Tripoli's monthslong

stretch of relative calm.

The fighting broke out early Saturday and pitted militias loyal to the Tripoli-based government against other armed groups allied with a rival administration that has

for months sought to be seated in the capital.

Residents fear the fighting that capped a monthslong political deadlock could explode into a wider war and a return to the peaks of Libya's long-running conflict.

Libya has plunged into chaos since a NATO-backed uprising toppled and killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi in 2011. The oil-rich country has for years been split between rival administrations, each backed by rogue militias and foreign governments.

The current stalemate grew out of the failure to hold elections in December and Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah's refusal to step down. In response, the country's east-based

parliament appointed a rival prime minister, Fathy Bashagha, who has for months sought to install his government in Tripoli.

Saturday's fighting centered in the densely populated city center and involved heavy artillery. Hundreds were trapped and hospitals, government and residential buildings were damaged.

The Health Ministry said at least 32 people were killed and 159 wounded in the clashes.

Among the dead was Mustafa Baraka, a comedian known for his social media videos mocking militias and corruption. He was shot reportedly while live-streaming on social media. It was not clear whether he was targeted.

The Associated Press spoke to dozens of residents and witnesses. They recounted horrific scenes of people, including women and children, trapped in their homes, government buildings and hospitals. They also spoke of at least three motionless bodies that remained for hours in the street before an ambulance was able to reach the area. They asked not to be identified for fear of reprisal from the militias.

"We see death before our eyes and in the eyes of our children," said a woman who was trapped along with many families in a residential apartment. "The world should protect those innocent children like they did at the time of Gadhafi." □



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## Pakistan flooding deaths pass 1,000 in 'climate catastrophe'

By ZARAR KHAN  
Associated Press

(AP) — Deaths from widespread flooding in Pakistan topped 1,000 since mid-June, officials said Sunday, as the country's climate minister called the deadly monsoon season "a serious climate catastrophe."

Flash flooding from the heavy rains has washed away villages and crops as soldiers and rescue workers evacuated stranded residents to the safety of relief camps and provided food to thousands of displaced Pakistanis.

Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority reported the death toll since the monsoon season began earlier than normal this year — in mid-June — reached 1,033 people after new fatalities were reported in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and southern Sindh provinces.

Sherry Rehman, a Pakistani senator and the country's top climate official, said in a video posted on Twitter that Pakistan is experiencing a "serious climate catastrophe, one of the hardest in the decade."

"We are at the moment at the ground zero of the front line of extreme weather events, in an unrelenting cascade of heatwaves, forest fires, flash floods, multiple glacial lake outbursts, flood events and now the monster monsoon of the decade is wreaking non-stop havoc throughout



A man looks for salvageable belongings from his flood-hit home surrounded by water, in Jaffarabad, a district of Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan province, Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022.

the country," she said. The on-camera statement was retweeted by the country's ambassador to the European Union.

Flooding from the Swat River overnight affected northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where tens of thousands of people — especially in the Charsadda and Nowshera districts — have been evacuated from their homes to relief camps set up in government buildings. Many have also taken shelter on roadsides, said Kamran Bangash, a spokesperson for the provincial government. Bangash said some 180,000

people have been evacuated from Charsadda and 150,000 from Nowshera district villages.

Khaista Rehman, 55, no relation to the climate minister, took shelter with his wife and three children on the side of the Islamabad-Peshawar highway after his home in Charsadda was submerged overnight.

"Thank God we are safe now on this road quite high from the flooded area," he said.

"Our crops are gone and our home is destroyed but I am grateful to Allah that we are alive and I will restart life with my sons."

The unprecedented monsoon season has affected all four of the country's provinces. Nearly 300,000 homes have been destroyed, numerous roads rendered impassable and electricity outages have been widespread, affecting millions of people.

Pope Francis on Sunday said he wanted to assure his "closeness to the populations of Pakistan struck by flooding of disastrous proportions." Speaking during a pilgrimage to the Italian town of L'Aquila, which was hit by a deadly earthquake in 2009, Francis said he was praying "for the many vic-

tims, for the injured and the evacuated, and so that international solidarity will be prompt and generous."

Rehman told Turkish news outlet TRT World that by the time the rains recede, "we could well have one fourth or one third of Pakistan under water."

"This is something that is a global crisis and of course we will need better planning and sustainable development on the ground. ... We'll need to have climate resilient crops as well as structures," she said.

In May, Rehman told BBC Newshour that both the country's north and south were witnessing extreme weather events because of rising temperatures. "So in north actually just now we are ... experiencing what is known as glacial lake outburst floods which we have many of because Pakistan is home to the highest number of glaciers outside the polar region."

The government has deployed soldiers to help civilian authorities in rescue and relief operations across the country.

The Pakistani army also said in a statement it airlifted a 22 tourists trapped in a valley in the country's north to safety.

Prime Minister Shabaz Sharif visited flooding victims in city of Jafferabad in Baluchistan. He vowed the government would provide housing to all those who lost their homes. □



## Guests were in good hands for special collaboration dinner at Infini Chef Jason Howard joined chef Urvin Croes for a unique event



**ORANJESTAD – This month, for three nights only, food lovers were treated to a unique four hands dinner at Infini Aruba with chef Urvin Croes and guest chef Jason Howard. The menu exploded with the highest level of Caribbean cuisine with the perfect wine pairings to create an unforgettable experience.**

Chef Jason Howard, born in Barbados but currently based in London, was invited by Infini's creator, chef Urvin Croes to join forces to present very lucky guests with a unique taste of Caribbean flavors.

Howard flew to Aruba especially to take part in the four hands dinner.

"We knew each other on social media, basically looking at one another's food", Howard commented. "To be honest it's quite refreshing to find another chef that actually pushes the cuisine at the level that chef Urvin is. It was nice to see that there is someone else out who is pushing the Caribbean flavors."

The menu for the four hands dinner consisted of eight courses, expertly paired with wines.

The dinner was presented with alternating dishes by

each chef, starting with Amuses by chef Croes, which included Johnny Cake, Banana Bread, and Annato Tartlet, paired with a delicious Famiglia Pasqua Romeo & Juliet Prosecco Rosé.

The dishes presented by chef Howard included fresh Snapper paired with El Enemigo Chardonnay. "I had it to be pan-seared, but the quality of Snapper on the island is so beautiful, I said no, we can't really tarnish that skin. So we basically steamed it in some lemon juice, we saved the fish broth and the bones, with some Scotch Bonnet oil that I brewed when I came in, and it was lightly torched. And with that we have some braised cabbage in Scotch bonnet", he explained. The cabbage was a hit with the diners, with many wanting to know more about the technique used for the marinating and braising, which gave it a particularly delicious flavor.

The concept of Infini is that of a chef's table, with seating around the serving table in a cozy environment with a privileged view of the cooking. This experience was precious even for chef Howard. "This is my dream, to be this intimate with the guests, to be speaking with the guests and have them see us finishing food, to prepare the food in front of them. So for me, this is a standard that I would like to get to, but I really was pushed to get to this standard of cuisine as well."

As for surprising Aruban flavors discovered by Howard on the island, he said: "To see how the island uses cornmeal, and different types of cornmeal. We use cornmeal in Barbados, our national dish called Cou-cou, but to see here how simply cornmeal is used, and how delicious it is, it gives me something to work on as well. It was also amazing to see Dutch culture blended in the island as well, and all of this is something that gave me a lot of inspiration." And chef



Urvin also found surprising elements through his exchange with Howard. "Basically how I do my sauces", Howard said. "My sauces are not anything that is taken from any cuisine anywhere else. There is a sauce I invented myself." His sauce technique is based on Barbadian cuisine, and this influence is also felt throughout his dishes in his unapologetic use of the Scotch Bonnet. "When [Croes] saw the sauce, it was something that he was very excited about. We've shared and bounced ideas off one another."

Four hands dinner also meant having two chefs in one kitchen, but it wasn't a case of too many cooks spoiling the broth. "He's very easy to work with", Howard commented. "To be honest, if you were in the kitchen today with us, it wouldn't feel like it was any chef, it felt like there was just comrades, just everyone has a say. People usually think that kitchens are manic, but today it was quiet, everyone sat down and we had dinner together, we talked, laughed."

The event was planned twice and had to be cancelled twice because of the pandemic, and both those times it had sold-out. But third time was the charm, and the dinner finally took place with eagerly awaiting fans.

"People have been very encouraging on social media. Aruba is an island I never would've imagined was so culinary-inclined. Every place I've eaten here, the food has been amazing." Howard also had compliments for the level of service on Aruba. "I've had service all over the world, and I would say that Aruba has the service standard that a lot of other islands would actually long for."

From the sourdough bread, Chef Howard's Amberjack to the beautifully plated Flower of chef Croes, guests enjoyed lamb, duck, and finished with a double-dose of dessert, with Croes' black cake, a take on a traditional Aruban favorite, and Howard's plantain soufflé, with a mind-bending sweet potato coffee shot, a delightful experience to remember. □



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## Take Your Child to Work Day, at the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino



**PALM BEACH.** - On August 11, 2022, the Blue Energy Committee at Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino welcomed 40 children of hotel team members to enjoy a day at the resort. The intention was to expose youngsters ages 5 to 14 to future job possibilities, experience their parents' workplace, enjoy guest amenities, and emphasize the value of education.

The children started the day with a light breakfast at the Morris Lapidus Ballroom, followed by a grand tour of the property. The group was divided into four groups and each participated in different activities planned for the departments of engineering, housekeeping, front office, kitchen, and spa & recreation.

The kitchen department, under the supervision of Chef Olivier and his team, prepared a fun and educational setup at Sunset Grille, where the children were taught a few techniques of cookie decoration. The children were delighted with a variety of toppings and were eager to show their final product to their parents.

At the Engineering department, Nephtaly Croes and her team had prepared a DIY flower pot painting and planting activity for the kids. Our young artists were inspired by the colors letting their imagination create beautiful and colorful pots. After the painting, the kids fill the pots with seeds and soil and let them dry for a while before taking them home.

Nelson Winklaar received the kids with a warm welcome at the front desk where they learned about the department and resort amenities. Next, the groups met Jessica Roberts with the Housekeeping department, to conduct a room inspection where they experienced a broad picture of housekeeping duties and responsibilities, earning a new respect for the profession.

Lastly, the spa and recreation team divided the 4 groups by age. The kids from 5 to 9 years old, under the leadership of Lisa Dammerman and her team, participated in a cupcake decoration activity while the children ages 10 to 14 were taught to make their own Aloe Scrub. Both activities are part of the hotel's weekly guest activities.

The children were very happy and enjoyed all of these activities immensely, but they were also enthusiastic to be at their parent's workplace. The happiness and joyfulness of the children was contagious, infecting our team members with immense child-like energy!

After the department visits the kids headed back to the Morris Lapidus Ballroom to enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our exceptional culinary team. Later the team

at Hilton Aruba together with Reach Your Goal foundation prepared an afternoon of games.

"While they all had a great time," said General Manager Vasco Baselli, "the day also served as an initial opportunity for career exploration, as kids got to see their parents in professional roles, in an authentic environment. We were very thrilled to have all these kids at our resort and we look forward to welcoming them again!" □



  
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## DCNA Organizes Junior Ranger Exchange Week 2022



**The Junior Rangers just wrapped up their annual exchange event. Youngsters from all six islands got together to learn about the unique biodiversity within the Dutch Caribbean and lay the foundation for future inter-island collaboration. From sea view sunrises to late night glow in the dark treks, these students had a fun filled week full of memories they will cherish for a lifetime.**

A foundational pillar of the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) is the desire to elevate nature-focused education across the Dutch Caribbean. One of the tools available to the islands is empowering the youth, and what better way to harness this energy than through the annual DCNA Junior Ranger exchange program. This unique opportunity brings together youth from across all six islands to learn all about the exceptional biodiversity within the Dutch Caribbean, and work together developing positive, cooperative, and social skills.

### Ecosystem Services and How They Support Us All!

This year's theme for the exchange was Ecosystem Services and How They Support Us All! Throughout the week, Junior Rangers learned to identify marine and terrestrial flora and fauna while snorkeling, hiking and kayaking through the various habitats across St. Eustatius and St. Maarten.

The week started at St. Eustatius with camping in the botanical

gardens, providing the perfect opportunity for everyone to immerse themselves in nature. No one seemed to mind the early morning start when waking up to the stunning sunrise over the sea view. During the day, the Junior Rangers were able to gain hands on experience in invasive species monitoring by going on iguana patrols with STENAPA rangers. Through the monitoring, each ranger learned to distinguish between the different subspecies of iguanas and learned why its important to track population trends.

Dahlia Hassell Knijff, DCNA Projects Officer added that "Junior Ranger Exchanges that are facilitated for the Dutch Caribbean islands are opportunities for youth to explore different environments, create friendships over borders, and most importantly spark their curiosity for the natural world through different activities. As DCNA's main goal is to support the local parks, we aim to provide different experiences for youth in nature education by ensuring that exchanges across the islands can happen for these groups."

### New Islands, New Experiences

Throughout the week Junior Rangers were able to share stories from their own islands, whether it was during an activity or around a campfire eating marshmallows. Each participant was amazed that, although they are all island neighbors, each island's natural ecosystems has its own unique-

ness. Whether it was learning about brand new species, or simply swapping local names for those which were shared, these students will leave the island with a diverse range of local knowledge and new friends which DCNA hopes will lead to a lifetime of collaboration between the islands.

The week was filled with a variety of marine and terrestrial activities which entertained the Junior Rangers from dawn to dusk. They were able to explore the different ecosystems in Statia through many activities including snorkeling while gaining fish identification skills and learning how to identify

different bird species. At the end of this week, the rangers were also able to enjoy a morning kayak in St. Maarten's lagoon to grasp an understanding of the mangrove ecosystem. In the afternoon they learned about the negative impacts of plastic pollution with a fun game activity in the pool.

"Hosting this year's Junior Ranger Exchange has been an honour for STENAPA. We saw children from the Dutch Caribbean enjoy nature education and share their new understanding of ecosystems and their services with others" Achsah Mitchell, STENAPA Education Office/JRE and Chair of DCNA's Youth Participation Working Group.

This event was made possible by The Prins Bernhard Cultuur Fonds, World Wildlife Fund-Dutch Caribbean, and sponsors in St. Maarten such as The Azure Hotel & Art Studio, Domino's Pizza and Winair. DCNA's activities are generously funded by the Dutch National Postcode Lottery.

Interested in joining the Junior Rangers? Contact your local park authority to learn more!

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# Low fuel inventories cause special concern in US Northeast

By David Sharp  
Associated Press

(AP) — Diesel and heating oil supplies in the Northeast are more than 50% below the recent average, raising concerns that an extreme weather event could cause supply disruptions, federal officials said.

Fuel supplies are lower than normal across the country for a variety of reasons, including the war in Ukraine. But it's the worst in the Northeast.

Diesel fuel and heating oil, which comprise the distillate category, are 63% below the five-year average in New England and 58% below the same average from Maryland to New York, according to a survey by the Department of Energy. Gasoline inventories are not as bad, but are still at their lowest levels in nearly a decade along the entire East Coast, the agency said.

The Northeast is heavily dependent on heating oil to keep homes warm in the winter, while other re-



Drivers for an oil delivery company fill their trucks at the Sprague terminal, on Jan. 16, 2014, in South Portland, Maine.

gions rely more on natural gas and electricity. Also, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has projected an active hurricane season, and a powerful weather event could cause disruptions,

since most fuel consumed from the Middle Atlantic states to Maine comes from Gulf Coast refineries, energy officials say.

Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm is convening a meeting of New England

governors and their energy directors after Labor Day to discuss the situation. In the meantime, she has urged governors in a letter to take whatever steps they can to shore up fuel supplies in coming weeks to prevent

any problems.

The Energy Department also sent letters to seven major oil companies, asking them to hold onto their stocks to help offset low stocks.

The federal agency has been monitoring the problem and is attempting to be proactive with outreach. But there's little incentive for buyers to stock up on high-priced fuel for storage because it is anticipated that prices will drop, said Michael Ferrante, of the Massachusetts Energy Marketers Association.

The fuel inventory concerns come against a backdrop of Russia's invasion of Ukraine further shaking up an energy supply chain that was seeking to catch up with growing demand. The war is causing worries about the adequacy of energy supplies around the world.

In New England, the immediate concern in the late summer is diesel fuel, but the winter heating season looms not far behind. □

# Fed tackles inflation with its most diverse leadership ever

By Christopher Rugaber  
Associated Press

(AP) — When Diane Swonk first attended the Federal Reserve's annual economic conference in Jackson Hole in the late 1990s, there was a happy hour for women who attended the event. It barely filled a single table.

Now, the "Women at Jackson Hole" happy hour draws dozens of female economists and high-level decision-makers, from the United States and overseas.

"I'm just glad that now there's a line for the ladies' room," said Swonk, a long-time Fed watcher who is chief economist for the accounting giant KPMG.

It's not just at Jackson Hole but also in the Fed's boardroom where its leadership has become its most diverse ever. There are more female, Black and openly gay officials contributing to the central bank's interest-rate decisions than at any time in its 109-year his-

tory. Many are also far less wealthy than the officials they have replaced.

Over time, economists say, a wider range of voices will deepen the Fed's perspective as it weighs the consequences of raising or lowering rates. It may also help diversify a profession that historically hasn't been seen as particularly welcoming to women and minorities.

"Broadly, that's helpful," said William English, a former senior economist at the Fed who teaches at the Yale School of Management. "There's evidence that diverse groups make better decisions."

The central bank, as it is doing now, raises its benchmark short-term rate when it wants to lower inflation, and reduces it when it wants to accelerate hiring. Such moves, in turn, affect borrowing costs throughout the economy — for mortgages, auto loans and business loans, among oth-

ers.

On Friday, in his speech to the Jackson Hole symposium, Chair Jerome Powell stressed that the Fed plans further rate hikes and expects to keep its benchmark rate high until the worst inflation bout in four decades eases considerably — even if doing so causes job losses and financial pain for households and businesses.

Rhonda Vonshay Sharpe, an economist who is president of the Women's Institute for Society, Equity and Race, said she welcomed the broadening of the Fed's leadership. Sharpe said she's "hopeful that a more diverse group of people will pay attention" to what the Fed does and aspire to high-level economic roles.

Colleges and universities, she suggested, should do more to encourage and prepare students for economic careers, including steering more of them to



Lisa D. Cook, a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, takes a break at the central bank's annual symposium on Friday, August 26, 2022, at Grand Teton National Park in Moran, Wyo. (AP Photo/Amber Baesler)

study mathematics.

The change at the Fed has been a rapid one, with three African Americans and three women having joined the central bank's 19-member interest-rate committee just this year. (Under the Fed's rotating system, only 12 of the 19 committee members vote each year on its rate decisions.)

The Fed's influential seven-member Board of Governors, based in Washington, now includes two Black economists, Lisa Cook and Philip Jefferson, who were both nominated by President Joe Biden and were sworn in this May. They are the third and fourth Black people on the board. Governors get to vote on every Fed rate decision. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: IF THERE ARE NO DOGS IN HEAVEN, THEN WHEN I DIE I WANT TO GO WHERE THEY WENT — WILL ROGERS

## 'Tape or chewing gum:' Twitter's lapses echo worldwide



The Twitter application is seen on a digital device Monday, April 25, 2022, in San Diego. A recent bombshell whistleblower report from Twitter's former head of security alleges that the social media company has been negligently lax on cybersecurity and privacy protections for its users for years.

By Barbara Ortutay

(AP) — From fire departments to governments, from school districts to corporations, from local utilities to grassroots organizers around the world, Twitter at its best is a tool to get a message out quickly, efficiently, directly.

It's also a constant risk-and-reward calculation.

A recent bombshell whistleblower report from Twitter's former head of security alleges that the social media company has been negligently lax on cybersecurity and privacy protections for its users for years. While worrisome for anyone on Twitter, the revelations could be especially concerning for those who use it to reach constituencies, get news out about emergencies and for political dissidents and activists in the crosshairs of hackers or their own governments.

"We tend to look at these companies as large, well-resourced entities who know what they're doing — but you realize that a lot of their actions are ad hoc and reactive, driven by crises," said Prateek Waghre, policy director at the Internet Freedom Foundation, a digital rights nonprofit in India. "Essentially, they're often held together by cello tape or chewing gum."

Peiter "Mudge" Zatko, who served as Twitter's security chief until he was fired early this year, filed the

complaints last month with federal U.S. authorities, alleging that the company misled regulators about its poor cybersecurity defenses and its negligence in attempting to root out fake accounts that spread disinformation. Among Zatko's most serious accusations is that Twitter violated the terms of a 2011 FTC settlement by falsely claiming that it had put stronger measures in place to protect the security and privacy of its users.

Waghre said the allegations in the complaint about India — that Twitter knowingly allowed the Indian government to place its agents on the company payroll where they had "direct unsupervised access to the company's systems and user data" — were particularly worrisome. He also pointed to an incident earlier this month where a former Twitter employee was found guilty of passing along sensitive user data to royal family members in Saudi Arabia in exchange for bribes.

The consequences of privacy and security lapses can range from inconvenience and embarrassment — such as when an Indiana State Police account was hacked and tweeted "poo-poo head" earlier this year — to much worse. In October 2021, a Saudi humanitarian aid worker was sentenced to

20 years in prison because of an anonymous, satirical Twitter account that the kingdom says he ran. It's possible that the case is linked with the men accused of spying on behalf of the kingdom while working at Twitter.

As an advocate for dissidents and others detained in Saudi Arabia, Bethany Al-Haidari has been concerned for years about Twitter's user privacy safeguards. The new whistleblower allegations make her all the more worried.

"Given what we know about how social media is used around the world, that is incredibly problematic," said Al-Haidari, who works for The Freedom Initiative, a U.S.-based human rights group. The possibility of hackers or governments exploiting the alleged cybersecurity lapses at Twitter to get users' identities, private messages or other personal information "is quite disturbing to me," she said.

Chinese-Australian artist and activist Badiucuo, who regularly publishes art that criticizes the Chinese Communist Party, expressed concern about the whistleblower's allegations, noting that many users provide their phone numbers and emails to Twitter.

"Once that personal information is leaked, it could be used to trace your identity," he said. Badiucuo said he regularly receives death threats and propaganda from what appears to be bot or spam accounts.

But the artist plans to keep using Twitter, saying it's probably the best option Chinese-speaking activists and artists have for a "shelter for free speech."

Twitter says the whistleblower claims present a "false narrative" about the company and its privacy and data security practices, and that the claims lack context. "Security and privacy have long been company-wide priorities at Twitter and will continue to be," the company said in a statement. □



# Museum to create map of civil rights sites in Natchez

**Associated Press**

(AP) — The Natchez Museum of African American History and Culture has received a \$1,450 grant to create a map highlighting the civil rights movement in Natchez.

Mayor Dan Gibson said the map will help tell the city's full history.

"This is great news for Natchez," Gibson said in a news release. "These grant funds will help greatly in our efforts to better tell the entire history of Natchez to include commemorating our African American historic sites."

Gibson thanked Visit Natchez, the Natchez Civil Rights Trail Committee and others for helping bring the project to fruition.

The map is a joint project between the museum and the Natchez Civil Rights Trail Committee, said Roscoe Barnes III, the cultural heritage tourism manager for Visit Natchez. It will be published as a full-color brochure, including photographs and an annotated list of more than 50 sites that played a significant role in the city's civil rights journey, Barnes said.

Barnes noted the homes of several civil rights leaders and activists will be listed, including the homes of former NAACP Treasurer Wharlest Jackson Sr., who was killed by a car bomb, and NAACP President George Metcalfe, who survived a car bomb.



**Natchez police and agents from the FBI inspect a truck in Natchez, Mississippi, Feb. 28, 1967, which exploded from a bomb blast and killed Wharlest Jackson, ex-treasurer of the local NAACP.**

The homes of Nellie Jackson, Mary Lee Toles, Forrest Johnson, Mayor John Nasser, Marjorie Baroni, Jessie B. Williams, Alderman Theodore West, Mamie Lee Green Mazique are among others being included.

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Other noteworthy sites are the government buildings that played a role in the movement, including the Adams County Courthouse, Natchez City Hall and Natchez City Auditorium. Churches, parks, and commercial buildings will also be shown.

"This map will be a convenient tool and handy resource for anyone to learn more about the civil rights movement in Natchez," said Bobby Dennis, executive director of the museum. □

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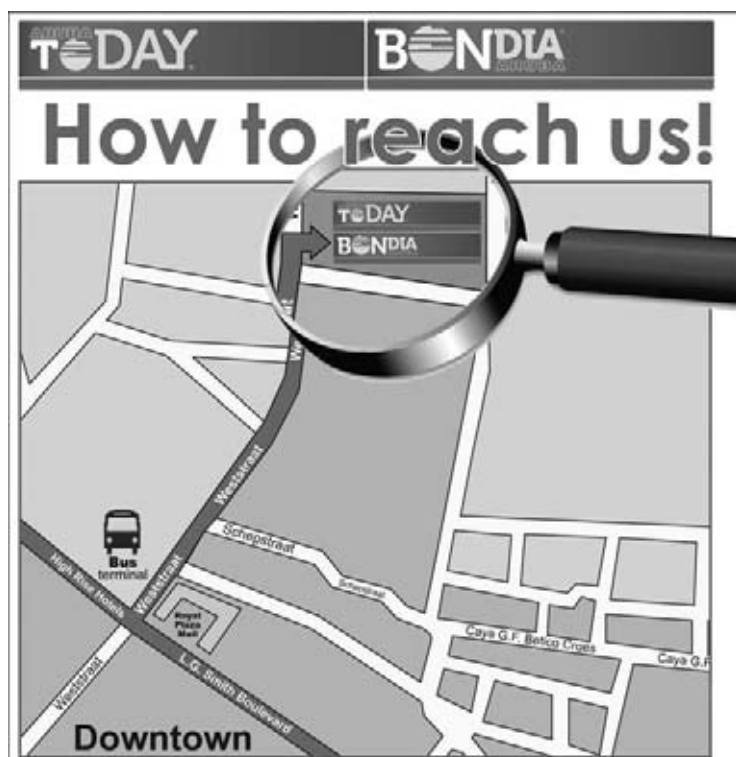
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# At 90, the Venice Film Festival looks better than ever

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(AP) - Cinema's biggest stars just seem to shine a bit brighter at the Venice International Film Festival, which begins this week in the Northern Italian city. Think of Lady Gaga, a woman who has never shied away from a grand entrance, somehow topping even herself delicately perched over the edge of a moving water taxi and vamping for the cameras like a classic screen siren. Or Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck evoking old Hollywood glamour to make their official debut as a couple just last year. Whether you're a celebrity gliding down the red carpet in front of hundreds of flashing cameras or an onlooker an ocean away daydreaming about Timothée Chalamet's crystal-studded Haider Ackermann suit, or that electric moment between non-couple Jessica Chastain and Oscar Isaac, it is the kind of occasion that ignites the imagination. And that's all before you even step inside the theater. For director and actor Olivia Wilde, the dream of Venice was woven into the fabric of her new film, "Don't Worry Darling." Ending up at the festival became a shorthand for the type of movie she wanted to make.

"We had several studios and streamers who wanted to make this film and I



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Harry Styles, left, and Florence Pugh in a scene from "Don't Worry Darling."

sat down with all of them and I said, 'The path that I see leads us to Venice. Which one of you understands what kind of movie were making based on that dream?'" Wilde said. "To me, a Venice film is a film that really embraces everything that is ambitious and romantic and beautiful about cinema. And this film is truly a love letter to movies."

Wilde went with New Line and Warner Bros. and her wish came true: The stylish psychological thriller starring Florence Pugh and Harry Styles as a picture-perfect couple in an experimental postwar community will have its world debut out of competition on Sept. 5. Styles, Pugh and Wilde are just some of the stars expected to pose on the docks outside of the opulent Hotel Excelsior and grace the red carpet outside of the Palazzo del Cinema.

Their presence, alongside lifetime achievement recipient Catherine Deneuve, Hugh Jackman, Tilda Swinton, Penelope Cruz, Chalamet and many others, helps transform the Lido, the laid-back beach town across the Venetian Lagoon from St. Mark's Square, into a bastion of glamour, fantasy and cinema on the Adriatic.

This year's festival is stacked with highly anticipated films and performances in the main competition slate: Ana de Armas is making her debut as Marilyn Monroe in Andrew Dominik's "Blonde"; Brendan Fraser's turn in Darren Aronofsky's new film "The Whale" is already being hailed as an awards-worthy comeback; and Cate Blanchett is playing a renowned conductor in "Tár," director Todd Field's first film in over 15 years.

"Todd Field is as major a film artist as has ever

been," said Peter Kujawski, the chairman of Focus Features.

"And what Cate is doing with the character, without saying too much, is just something you don't see executed on this level very often."

The festival, which began in 1932 and is heading into its 79th edition, officially begins Wednesday night with the premiere of Noah Baumbach's adaptation of Don DeLillo's seminal novel "White Noise," starring Adam Driver and Greta Gerwig.

"White Noise" is one of four high-profile Netflix films hoping to make a splash at the festival, which is an important platform not just for the streaming service, but for all Oscar hopefuls. Baumbach's last Venice film, "Marriage Story," went on to get six Oscar nominations and win one for Laura Dern, who is also returning this year in Florian Zeller's "The Son." It's the first of

many fall festivals that will refine the awards conversation for the rest of the year.

Field, Baumbach, Aronofsky and Zeller are also among a slew of filmmakers with good Oscar track records who are making their first stop at Venice in competition: There's also Martin McDonagh's Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson friendship drama "The Banshees of Inisherin"; Alejandro G. Iñárritu's comedy "Bardo, or False Chronicle of a Handful of Truths"; and Luca Guadagnino's cannibal romance "Bones and All," which reunites the Italian director with Chalamet. There are also two narrative debuts from documentarians Frederick Wiseman ("A Couple") and Alice Diop ("Saint Omer") that are among the 23 films vying for the Golden Lion. The coveted award will be decided on by a jury led by Julianne Moore and presented at the festival's close on Sept. 10.

Participant Media CEO David Linde, a 30-year veteran of the festival, wanted Venice specifically for the debut of two high-profile documentaries: Oscar-winner Laura Poitras' "All the Beauty and the Bloodshed," about photographer Nan Goldin's fight against the Sackler family, which is playing in competition, as well as Steve James' "A Compassionate Spy," about nuclear physicist Ted Hall. □



The Ford Escort RS Turbo Series 1, that belonged to the late Diana, Princess of Wales, is seen during a preview of an auction at Silverstone circuit, in Northamptonshire, England, Friday, Aug. 26, 2022.

## Diana's car auctioned as 25th anniversary of her death nears

Associated Press

(AP) — A car driven by Princess Diana in the 1980s sold for 650,000 pounds (\$764,000) at auction Saturday, just days before the 25th anniversary of her death.

Silverstone Auctions said there was "fierce bidding" for the black Ford Escort RS Turbo before the sale closed. The U.K. buyer, whose name was not disclosed, paid a 12.5% buyer's premium on top of the

selling price, according to the classic car auction house. Britain and Diana's admirers worldwide are preparing to mark a quarter century since her death. She died in a high-speed car crash in Paris on Aug. 31, 1997.

Diana drove the Escort from 1985 to 1988. She was photographed with it outside boutique shops in Chelsea and restaurants in Kensington. She preferred to drive her own car, with a mem-

ber of her security team in the passenger seat.

The RS Turbo Series 1 was typically manufactured in white, but she got it in black to be more discreet. Ford also added features for her security, such as a second rear-view mirror for the protection officer.

The car has just under 25,000 miles on it.

Last year, another Ford Escort that Diana used sold at auction for 52,000 pounds (\$61,100). □



# Scheffler pulls away for 6-shot lead at Tour Championship

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(AP) — Scottie Scheffler returned to East Lake on Sunday morning looking every bit like the No. 1 player, pulling away with four birdies in six holes to complete the third round with a 4-under 66 that gave him a six-shot lead in the Tour Championship.

Scheffler was delivering a steady diet of pars that put him in a tight battle with Xander Schauffele until a second stoppage due to lightning in the area Saturday. At the time, he was one shot ahead.

And then he was gone.

Scheffler holed birdie putts from about 5 feet on the 13th and 15th holes. He stuffed his approach to 2 feet on the 17th and then made a superb escape from the left rough over the water that left him a long pitch he nearly holed on the par-5 18th.

He tapped in to reach 23-under par. That left him one round away from the \$18 million prize for winning the FedEx Cup.

Rory McIlroy birdied his last two holes for a 63 and will be in the final group with Scheffler. He was at 17 under along with Schauffele, who also had good looks for birdie and didn't make any of them Sunday morning.

Defending champion Patrick Cantlay (66) and Sungjae Im (66) were seven shots behind.

Scheffler is the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup and was rewarded with a two-shot lead at 10-under par before the tournament started. He is 13 under for his raw score, which is tied for McIlroy for the best this week. McIlroy, however, was the No. 7 seed and began six shots behind.

Schauffele missed an 8-foot birdie putt on the 13th hole when they resumed the round. He sent his next tee shot so far to the right that he had to hit a provisional in case it was out-of-bounds. He found it, but wound up missing a 10-foot par putt to fall three behind.

And then on the par-3 15th, Scheffler hit his tee shot to 5



Scottie Scheffler watches his shot on the fifth tee during the third round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, in Atlanta.

feet to a front left pin over the water. Schauffele also hit a good one to 10 feet and missed again.

Scheffler already has won four times this year, including the Masters, to reach No. 1 in the world and is considered a shoo-in for PGA Tour player of the year.

He won just over \$14 million in the regular season — already a record, and not surprising given the steady rise in prize money. He won a \$2 million bonus for leading the FedEx Cup in the regular season, along with a \$1 million bonus for winning the Aon Risk-Reward Challenge.

A victory Sunday afternoon would equate to a \$35 million year for the 26-year-old Texas grad. □

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